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The Honorable William P. Clark
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Bill:

A moment to wish you the very best as Secretary of the Interior. I can't say that I envy you the lion's den that you are walking into but I'm confident that you have the approach and grace to patch together a lot of china that has been broken.

You can certainly take from your job as National Security Advisor a sense of pride in your accomplishments since your appointment. I know we at the Agency and throughout the Intelligence Community feel that we had a supporter and a willing listener. There is no question in our minds that Bud has large shoes to fill. His tenure as your protege should serve him very well in that very demanding task that he now has.

We all wish you the very best in your new assignment and thank you again for your tremendous contribution in helping the President rebuild the Intelligence Community.

All the best.

Warm regards,

[Redacted Signature]

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